

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 5, replace paragraph [0036] of the specification with the following paragraph.

Figures 2a-2e illustrate the inventive process for securing a gem within a setting. A circular spring 20 is used to secure the gem 12 within a cavity 22 in the setting 14. As shown, the spring 20 is generally circular in shape with a gap 24 which allows the spring 20 to be compressed to fit within the circumference of the cavity 22, as illustrated in Figure 2B. The cylindrically shaped spring 20 has a smooth exterior surface as does the passage interior surface 22 for mounting said spring in said passage and for allowing flush engagement to hold the spring anywhere in the passage to accommodate stones of different profile depths. However, the spring 20 may spiral within itself or have other configurations known in the art. Also, although the spring is shown to be cylindrical, other shapes may be preferred. The shape is dependent upon the object (stone) being secured.